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"Spirituality and morality as taught by the Latter-day Saints are firmly anchored in fundamental principles, principles from which the world can never escape even if it would. And the first fundamental is a belief—with the Latter-day Saints a knowledge—in the existence of a personal God."—DAVID O. MCKAY.

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TRUTH—THE CONSTANT IN A CHANGING WORLD

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WHAT a remarkable age is this in which we live! I feel grateful that the Lord has permitted me to live in a time when such wonderful progress has been made, in an age that surpasses all previous periods in the history of the world. Yet the preacher tells us there is no new thing under the sun—things which were, are now, and will be in the future. Sometimes I almost doubt that, but when I contemplate it still further, I believe that all of our progress, the advancement of science, all our new inventions and discoveries, the great things that are taking place in the world to-day, mean simply this, that we are approaching nearer to the ultimate truth, that truth which is eternal, and always has been, and always will be.

None of the great principles of progress is changed. But many things are changing, and in these changes lie the principles of progress. We do not remain just where we are. We are going onward, but our progress is that we are approaching more nearly to the truth.

We want to keep abreast with all the various things we see around us; we do not want to be accused at any time of not progressing. We ought to adapt ourselves more or less to the times in which we live and not be what people call those who do not change at all, "old fogies." Old fogies? Oh, no, but there are some things that do not change, and one thing is the truth, and the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ is the truth. Whenever we see people who undertake to make changes in the fundamental things that have been revealed from heaven, they are undertaking to change God's truth.

The Lord has said, "I am the Lord, and I change not." His word shall endure forever. The Lord has so ordained that a number of generations shall be contemporary in sojourning upon this earth. What a wise provision is this! What a wonderful thing is wedlock, the home where father and mother rear their family of children! What a splendid thing it is to have grandfathers and grandmothers, and even great grandfathers and great grandmothers, four or five generations sometimes contemporary, living upon the earth at the same time! What a wonderful advantage that is to mankind, an advantage to the aged, and an advantage to the young, to live and to mingle together and to partake of each other's feeling and spirit! Youth—how eager they ought to be to profit by the experience of Age! The aged—what a wonderful and elevating influence it must have upon them as they ponder over the lives and characters of their own children! What a development of all the Christian virtues is involved in this contact or association with those you love—your own kindred! It always brings a certain amount of regret when this association is lacking.

OLD age can learn much from youth. They keep us abreast with the times; they keep us alive to the burning questions of the day. Therefore, you fathers and mothers, let us listen to the young with sympathetic hearts while they endeavour to instruct us, which they sometimes feel themselves quite competent to do. But, oh youth, you have much to learn from old age! Out of the rich experiences of many years your elders are surely able to instruct you in the way of life, in the principles of truth.

The Psalmist says: "I have been young, and now am old, yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread." Therefore youth should hearken and give heed unto the counsels of old age; they should seek the counsel of their fathers and their mothers. Remember the Lord's commandment: "Honour thy father and thy mother, that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee." How greatly then we ought to appreciate the privilege of living with them and seeking their counsel, and we ought not to regard them as "old fogies," or somebody not up the times. How can one be up to the times unless he can benefit by the experience he has? How could there be any progress without experience?

"There is a spirit in man, and the inspiration of the Almighty giveth them understanding," and whatever understanding we have it comes from the Almighty. There is no other source of knowledge. He is the great fountain of all truth, the inspirer of all discoveries; they all come from Him. I am aware that sometimes we find inventors, discoverers and scientists that are not always willing to admit the source of their inventions and their discoveries, but nevertheless it is true that these come from God. We do not always appreciate when the Lord is making known His truth.

I remember in my school days many years ago reading the story of a Greek philosopher, Archimedes, who was making a study of specific gravity, the relative weight of things. Upon one occasion while he was bathing in a pool of water he observed that his body in the water was much lighter than it was out of the water, and as he pondered upon it a flash of light came to

him and, greatly elated over his discovery, and forgetting that he was naked, he rushed out into the street crying "Eureka, Eureka—I have found it!"

Now what was that? There was a spirit in the man and the inspiration of the Almighty had given him understanding. It does not detract from the honour that is due to the scientist, the discoverer, or the inventor to say that God has used him in bringing truth to light. And what is true of secular knowledge and of the things that pertain to our temporal salvation is likewise true of religion. God uses scientists and philosophers, inventors and discoverers—for they are also His servants—in bringing secular truth to light; but He also uses His servants, the prophets, in bringing spiritual truth to light.

WHAT a wonderful flood of light came into this world with the advent of the Gospel, with the coming of the Prophet Joseph Smith, that prophet of the latter days! What wonderful discoveries have come to us and to all mankind! The same Almighty Being who overrules all things is bringing to pass His mighty purposes, and a flood of spiritual light has come to the world through the instrumentality of the Prophet of God in the day and age in which we live. That is another source of joy and gladness to me that I live in this glorious day, notwithstanding the fact that the world seems to be changing. We are merely discovering more truth.

How eager we should be to keep abreast of the times and come to a knowledge of the truth, both secular and spiritual, scientific and religious. Be assured that when we do there will be no conflict between the two. Doctor John A. Widtsoe tells us in that excellent little book, *In Search of Truth*, that "the way to truth may be found by anyone who desires it." "But," says he, "he must desire it with all his might, mind and strength."

We often sing the words of our inspired poet, John Jacques :

Yes, say, what is Truth? 'Tis the brightest prize
To which mortals or Gods can aspire;
Go search in the depths where it glittering lies,
Or ascend in pursuit to the loftiest skies,
'Tis an aim for the noblest desire.

And let me add the following words found in the closing paragraphs of the Lord's preface to the Doctrine and Covenants :

Search these commandments for they are true and faithful, and the prophecies and promises which are in them shall all be fulfilled.

What I the Lord have spoken, I have spoken, and I excuse not myself; and though the heavens and the earth pass away, my word shall not pass away, but shall all be fulfilled, whether by mine own voice or by the voice of my servants, it is the same.

For behold, and lo, the Lord is God, and the spirit beareth record, and the record is true, and the truth abideth forever and ever.

But other things do change. I am reminded of a little sentiment I read in an autograph album in the German language when I was upon my first mission. Slightly paraphrased and translated into English it means this: "Time and fortune change, everything changes, but the love of God remains always unchangeable."

And so it is with His glorious Gospel. It is the means of advancement, it is the means of progressing along spiritual lines.

If we would be better men and better women, and lay hold on eternal life, let us render obedience to those principles which God has revealed, and which have remained the same from eternity to eternity, never changing. If we have fallen by the way and made mistakes and feel almost depressed and discouraged, resort again to those principles. There never was a time when genuine faith and sincere repentance would not bring a blessing and a change for the better in one's life. There never can be a time when these principles will not bring progress and advancement. There never will be a time when we can grow in the knowledge of God and good works without the application of these principles. Be not discouraged or fall by the way, but if we have made mistakes repent and (if not already) be baptized, every one of us, for the remission of our sins, and we shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. These principles are applicable to all mankind, and they never change worlds without end.

May God bless us and our children to the latest generation and help us to live in accordance with them, that we may come to the knowledge of the Truth, I pray in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.—(Address delivered April 6th, 1934, at the 104th annual conference of the Church, held in the Tabernacle, Salt Lake City, Utah, U.S.A.)

AUXILIARY GUIDE FOR OCTOBER

PRIESTHOOD

BRANCH TEACHING leaflets on the subject of "The Mission of Elijah" were distributed to you in September. One leaflet should have been placed in the homes of every Latter-day Saint in Great Britain. Branch presidents are invited to report if their branch was visited one hundred per cent.

WEEKLY MEETINGS

First Night. Branch Teachers' report night. Leaflets and assignments for October should be given. Two twelve-minute talks: First, "Why is Religion Needed?" Second, "The Need of Church Organization." (See Centennial series tracts 2 and 4 respectively.) Objective: To show that the Church is organized for specific action; that the Priesthood has the responsibility of organized action in the name of God, under guidance and proper authority. Recommended with tonight's talks is an enlivening discussion.

Second Night. Local Priesthood activity report. Lesson: *Vitality of Mormonism*, Chapter Twenty-four, "Will many or few be saved?"

Third Night. Local Priesthood activity report. Two twelve-minute talks: First, "Salvation Universal." (Reference: last week's lesson and Centennial tract No. 11.) Second, "The Responsibility of Preaching the Gospel." (References: Doctrine and Covenants 36: 5, 6; 88: 81-84; 42: 11-13.)

Fourth Night. Local Priesthood activity report. For tonight, the Branch president should assign someone to review briefly the lessons taken from the *Vitality of Mormonism*, concluded two weeks ago. (What is the *vitality*?) Then, in the light of the discussion and that of the past three weeks (please refer back to the subjects given), study

Chapter VIII, "The Mission Branch," in *Studies in Priesthood*. Do this as a means of understanding "how" we carry on the duties devolving on us as holders of the Priesthood—if "salvation is universal"; if "our responsibility is to preach the Gospel"; if "Church organization is necessary"; if "religion be needed."—G. HOMER DURHAM.

RELIEF SOCIETY

A NEW SEASON for Relief Society is dawning with the first class in October. The recreation of the past summer months will put new life and activity into the Society. May we work unitedly together and practise "Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father (which) is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world." (James 1: 27.)

First Week. Opening exercises. Preliminary programme: Remarks by the president of the branch Relief Society: "The Beginning of the New Season." Lesson: *Theology*, "Christ's Coming and the Millennium." Objective: To show that at Christ's second coming the earth will be given to the righteous for their inheritance. Note that part of the lesson time should be given over to the hearing of personal testimonies, after which the lesson may be discussed.

Second Week. Opening exercises. Preliminary programme: Special musical number. Work and Business. Lesson: *Teacher Topics*, "Jesus and Human Welfare." Study the outline of the Work and Business night which is given in the manual.

Third Week. Opening exercises. Preliminary programme: Talk, "The Purpose of Relief Society." Lesson: *Literature*, Life and Literature, "The Novel a Human Document." Objective: To show that the novel enriches human life by portraying human feelings which inspire our actions.

Fourth Week. Opening exercises. Preliminary programme: Musical selection. Lesson: *Social Service*, Health and Home Nursing, "Health and Happiness." Objective: To show that the use of the knowledge of modern medical science will make for better health and happiness.—RINTHA PRATT DOUGLAS.

GENEALOGICAL DEPARTMENT

Second Week in October. "Heirship and Relationship in Temple Work." Objective: To show that an "heir," for purposes of Temple work, is "the oldest male descendant of a family line to be baptized into the Church during life." On this night use the laboratory period to construct a rough pedigree chart of yourself, your father and mother, your father's parents, and your mother's parents, and determine who is the "heir." Continue work on the Temple sheet, "Sealings—Wives to Husbands," until you are familiar with the information required. Remember you must have information contained on the Baptism and Endowment form after it has been stamped by the Temple.

Fourth Week in October. "Baptism for the Dead." Objective: To show that baptism for the dead opens the door of God's highest kingdom to persons who are dead if they can earn the right to enter there. For the activity tonight, start filling the tenth assignment in the Book of Remembrance. Make a list of your relatives who have done local missionary work—who have done tracting, have held open-air meetings, have filled circuits, etc.—CONWAY A. ASHTON.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

SACRAMENT GEM FOR OCTOBER

"I AM the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me." (John 14: 6.)

GOSPEL DOCTRINE DEPARTMENT

Concert Recitation (See cover of Lesson pamphlet; Doctrine and Covenants 93: 36, 37): "The glory of God is intelligence, or, in other words, light and truth. Light and truth forsake that evil one."

October 7th. Lesson 34, "The Word of Wisdom." Objective: To show the reason why the revelation known as the Word of Wisdom was given to the Church, and the beneficial results to all who observe it in their temporal salvation. Suggested questions:

1. Why should the mortal body be kept clean and pure?
2. Is it possible for even the weakest members of the Church to keep the Word of Wisdom?
3. What evidences are there that the Word of Wisdom is now a commandment to the Church members?
4. Enumerate specific blessings promised those who truly keep the Word of Wisdom.

October 14th. Lesson 35, "Man was in the beginning with God—Intelligence is the Light of Truth." Objective: To show that in the beginning man was in the presence of God and that Jesus Christ is the firstborn of the spirit children of God; also to show that mortal man cannot receive a fullness of joy. Suggested questions:

1. In what sense is Jesus Christ the Father? Cite evidence.
2. Why is Jesus called "the Firstborn of every creature?"
3. What is the Lord's definition of truth?
4. What is true intelligence?

October 21st. Lesson 36, "Forgiveness and Retribution." Objective: To show the will of the Lord in relation to the forgiveness of enemies and the exercise of patience under affliction and persecution, and that the Lord will reward both the righteous and the wicked according to their works. Questions:

1. Should Latter-day Saints always uphold the law of the land in which they live?
2. Are saints ever justified in taking the law into their own hands?
3. What was the ancient law of battle?

October 28th. Lesson 37, "The Indignation of the Lord kindled against the Wicked—The Millennial Reign." Objective: To show that the Lord will cleanse the earth from wickedness at the time of His coming, and that He will reign on the earth over all peoples who remain, for one thousand years. Questions:

1. In what way were the saints in Jackson County responsible for the troubles that came upon them?
2. Did the shortcomings of the saints lessen the guilt of those who attacked them?
3. Depict some of the improved conditions during the Millennium.

CHURCH HISTORY DEPARTMENT

Concert Recitation (See cover of Lesson pamphlet).

October 7th. Lesson 35, "The Church Leaves Kirtland." See *Essentials in Church History*, Smith, pp. 198-200, 205-215. Objective: To teach that in the very face of persecution Joseph the Prophet and his associates continued firm and steadfast in the Gospel.

October 14th. Lesson 36, "Six Witnesses Leave the Church." See biographies of these men in any Church history. Objective: To teach that though one may be blessed with the visions of heaven yet these will not insure him against the powers of evil.

October 21st. Lesson 37, "The Prophet at Far West, Missouri." See *Missouri Persecutions*, Roberts, pp. 196-226. Objective: To teach that followers of the Master are often called upon to endure persecution.

October 28th. Lesson 38, "The Boy Who Was Given a New Hip." Objective: To show that God is interested, not only in great movements but in individual men and women, boys and girls, if they will put their trust in Him.

Teachers: Try to secure some Church History book in which to find additional material. There are references to outside information above.

PRIMARY DEPARTMENT

Concert recitation (see cover of Lesson pamphlet): "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost." (Acts 2: 38.)

October 7th. Review Sunday. As we are nearing the close of the life of Christ it might be well to see just what personal impression each child has received of the divinity of Christ. Let them tell the stories from the pictures and they will in their own way express the truth which is intermingled with the facts of the lesson.

October 14th. Lesson 110, "The Comforter Comes." Picture: "The Coming of the Holy Ghost." Objective: Blessings follow a belief in God and a willingness to obey His commandments.

October 21st. Lesson 111. Objective: Blessings follow a belief in God and a willingness to obey His commandments. Memory Gem: "By his faith, God has made him well." Picture: "Peter and John at the Beautiful Gate."

October 28th. Lesson 112, "The Gospel Spreads Abroad." Objective: Those who have courage to try to do God's will are guided by His Spirit. Memory Gem: "I'll Serve the Lord While I Am Young." Songs: "I'll Serve the Lord," *Deseret Sunday School Songs*. Picture: "The Conversion of the Ethiopian."

For the entire month of October the following song is suggested: "Think Gently of the Erring One." Let us continue its practice until we are sure that we can sing it whenever it is announced. Also, sing over again the opening songs and correct the errors which were made in each one when it was sung at first.

Select topics for two and one-half minute addresses from class lessons.

SUPERINTENDENTS: Are you aware that you can secure Bible pictures for the use of your Primary teacher through Enlistment Committee visits? Pictures for October, November, and December will be sent your school if reports of seven visits are sent to the Mission Office.

The last date for ordering Sunday School Lessons so that they will be on hand for the first of January is November 15th. That means that you must plan immediately what classes will be in your Sunday School next year, and how many persons will be in those classes. Start planning now for 1935! Religious education is the task of the Sunday School, and your task as Superintendent. Give your teachers the assistance they require.—BRITISH MISSION SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 1934

EDITORIAL

PROHIBITION REPEAL IN AMERICA

EUROPE as well as America shouted for joy last fall when the news was flashed around the world on the morning of November 8th that Prohibition in the United States was dead, killed by State elections on November 7th. This great joy sprang from different motives that we will not now discuss except to remark that some of them appeared to be more ignoble than otherwise.

Repeal of Prohibition was effected by propaganda that had been gaining momentum for several years and with rapidly increasing intensity. Many millions in money had been spent to carry on the propaganda, particularly during the years 1930-1933. The evils of the bootleg industry were distorted, magnified and mutilated. It was alleged that enormous amounts of money were swelling the huge profits of bootleggers instead of going into the coffers of the government in order that taxes might be reduced; and the destruction of the moral standards of the American people, by changing them from law observers to law breakers, due to attempts to enforce unpopular Prohibition, was pictured in frightful terms by vivid imaginations, regardless of facts. It was charged that crime in all its hideous forms grew mostly out of Prohibition. It was promised that Prohibition-repeal would bring back prosperity, lower taxes, establish security, and make the nation law-abiding.

And so Repeal propaganda swept the nation, and nothing could stand against it, particularly so because the nation was in the depths of the most severe depression the country had ever known. Students of history know that revolutions were born in periods of human distress, and the greater the distress the more violent the revolution. So it was the depression that popularized Repeal propaganda in America, and made certain the elimination of Prohibition. And it was the depression to which the swift progress of repeal was also due.

And so Repeal came. But what about the promises of the propaganda? Hush, don't speak of them. Dr. Harry L. Hopkins, American National Relief Administrator, was recently in England, and a London newspaper quotes him as saying that there are still twelve million people in America to whom he has to give relief in food, money or employment on government projects.

Has bootlegging stopped, and have taxes been reduced? Listen.

The *News-Week*, an American journal, recently printed the following :

Uncle Sam and his legal distillers tried frantically this week to head off the bootlegger. He continues to leer happily. He still supplies the liquor for 50 of every 100 hard drinks sold. If you drink, you drink some bootleg. The cost-tax-and-profit fence has been hoisted so high around the legal industry that the bootlegger can drive his liquor truck right under it.

And then from Dr. Raymond Moley's weekly magazine the *News-Week* quotes this :

At no time under prohibition were so many Federal agents at work, and at no time under prohibition were bootleggers so happy and prosperous.

Then we are told that 1,850 Federal liquor agents are now at work on the illicit still seizure campaign.

Some of the promoters of the mighty Repeal campaign were never honest or sincere in their propaganda. It was results they were after, not the truth. They capitalized heavily on the distresses of the great depression and won. But "truth crushed to earth will rise again." King Alcohol again rules in America. But King Alcohol in America was never honest, never law-abiding. His passion is greed, his sway is lawlessness, his results are death. The swing of the pendulum in America has already begun a return. Prohibition in America is dead nationally but not locally in many states. And sooner or later King Alcohol will again be throttled in America. The forces of righteousness are being mobilized. The end of wickedness is nigh at hand. We are living in the last days, God has so declared. The Second Coming of Jesus Christ, the Redeemer of the world, to assume control of earthly governments is not a vain hope, a figment of the imagination. It will be an event of the not distant future as certainly as the sun will rise tomorrow. Satan knows this and is also mobilizing his forces. But Satan *will be overthrown*. Righteousness will prevail. Let us not lose faith in our Master. Whether we live to see Him or die before His coming is of no consequence. Our reward is assured if we continue faithful until the end. For us that is the important thing.—JOSEPH F. MERRILL.

"MY PERSONAL PLAN . . ."

By ELDER GORDON B. HINCKLEY

[Elder Hinckley's article is presented here as a sample contribution to the "Millennial Star"—M. I. A. Slogan Contest, the particulars of which were announced in the September 6th and 13th issues of the "Star." It is a model contribution only in that it presents its author's personal reactions to the Slogan, and his plan for putting the Slogan into action that will redound to the benefit of the Church. Your plan of action, inspired by your reactions to the Slogan, may be entirely different. Write

it, keeping the contest specifications in mind, and post it before the contest dead-line, October 4th, to: The "Millennial Star"—M. I. A. Slogan Contest, 5 Gordon Square, London, W. C. 1.

In next week's "Star" will be published another plan. Watch for it!—THE EDITORS.]

CUPPED in a little hollow in the hills of South Gallilee was the village of Nazareth. It was only a small outlying settlement, oblivious in the land that boasted Jerusalem. The men and women there were common people who talked among themselves, had their own small problems, lived as their fathers had done for centuries, thinking themselves secure in the blessings given to their patron Abraham.

And one day out of that village there came a man different. He reacted strangely to the problems that confronted those about Him. They talked about the sins of a blind man's parents. This Jesus touched the man's eyes, and he saw. They moaned over the fate of the sick and the dead. He commanded the sick to walk and the dead to rise. They cast stones at a woman found in sin. He quietly drew in the sand and told her to go her way and sin no more. A few followed Him. But the masses likely thought what Nathaniel expressed: "Can there any good thing come out of Nazareth?"

He was not concerned with arguing about that. Taunts bothered Him not, for He came not to do His will, but the will of the Father who sent Him. They laid hands on Him. He gave an example and a teaching: "Whosoever loseth his life shall find it." And they crucified Him.

The men of that age are forgotten. But Jesus of Nazareth is "Called Wonderful, Counsellor, The Mighty God."

The Church to which I belong came out of the prayer of an unschooled boy. It is not a large Church. The world smiles at it in derision. Your neighbours, my neighbours, ask with a taint of sarcasm: "Can there any good come out of Mormonism?"

Individually we have pledged: "By my actions I will prove my allegiance to the Church." What is my personal plan for putting that slogan into operation?

My greatest obstacle is this vain ego that is constantly trying to get itself out in the show-window. My personal plan is directed toward one effort, and it is a terrific task to make the first surrender. I am going to take the Lord at His word: "Prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of Hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing." My plan is to make religion an everyday personal experience—not a matter of argument or logic—by surrendering my will to His, to make my life a God-guided life. I am going to school myself in *listening* to the Lord after talking to Him, and then in *doing* the thing I am told by Him to do. In this way alone can my light, which is the light of my Church, be made to shine as a beckoning beacon, a tangible evidence of the good that can come out of Mormonism.

LIFE is larger than understanding ; life is grander than logic.—
DR. PARKER.

MUTUAL IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

SUNDAY JOINT PROGRAMME FOR OCTOBER

Opening Song: "Improve the Shining Moments"—*M. I. A. Song Book*.

Prayer: Member of the M Men department.

Song: "True to the Faith"—*M. I. A. Song Book*.

Slogan Talk: My Personal testimony for putting the Slogan into practice—A Gleaner Girl.

Instrumental Music.

Address: "The Religious Crisis of Today" (See article in *Millennial Star*, September 6th, 1934.)

Solo: "Father! Lead Me Out of Darkness."

Address: "Ask and it shall be given you" (Matthew 7: 7; see also James 1: 5).

Closing Song: "Come Let Us Anew."

Benediction.

(It is suggested that a member of the Y. M. M. I. A. deliver the first address, and that one of the Y. W. M. I. A. give the second. This programme should occupy the entire evening.)

EXECUTIVES—PROJECTS FOR OCTOBER

By the term executives we mean those who constitute the presidencies, and their secretaries. Executives should meet often as such. (*Handbook*, page 25.) There are two distinct projects for executives to do in October:

First: Complete your organization.

Second: The Collection of the Annual Sixpenny Fund by October 20th.

In addition we call the attention of all executives to the fact that each department manual contains a "Calendar" of the year's work, which is to be followed in connection with the material in the *Star* Guide.

Most important: The five departments whose programmes you see outlined below are not separate auxiliary organizations. Hence they meet on one and the same night. All together they are known as a "Mutual." If you have been making the mistake of holding two or three department sessions on separate nights, please change at once.

In order that you may better understand, we have printed a diagram of a model Mutual in session. You should display this diagram in your main hall.

WEEKLY EVENING PROGRAMMES

The plan for conducting the (Tuesday) evening sessions would be as follows, supposing 8:00 to be the suitable time for starting Mutual (as far as possible, Tuesday evening should be used for Mutual):

7:30 p.m. Officers Meeting (the Branch Board).

8:00 p.m. Opening exercises and preliminary programme (20 minutes).

8:20 p.m. Adjournment to departments (70 minutes, Scouts, Bees-Hives, M Men, Gleaners, and Adults).

9:30 p.m. Reassembly and dismissal.

Hereafter, the term "Board" will be used to designate the corps of Y. M. and Y. W. M. I. A. officers in a branch. Thus there are the General Boards, the Mission Boards, District Supervisors, and Branch Boards in operation in the British Mission.

Preliminary programme for October should feature the following items:

First Night: Slogan Talk: "The Religious Crisis of Today."

Second Night: Retold Story: "Moroni and the Title of Liberty (see Alma 46).

Third Night: Slogan Talk: "Rallying to the slogan—Today's 'Title of Liberty.'" (Note: Have we any Moroni's in 1934?)

Fourth Night: Slogan Talk: "By individual and family prayer, I will begin to prove my allegiance to the Church."

DEPARTMENTAL WORK FOR OCTOBER—See Manual Calendars for subjects.

Two nights of the month (with the exception of the Scouts and Bee-Hives) are spent in appreciation courses, and two are spent in the study of the texts. A fifth night, when such occurs, is always "open" night.

SCOUTING FOR OCTOBER'S MEETINGS—The Scoutmaster has his troop in charge at all times. Every effort should be made to co-operate with local headquarters in making our troops A-1. If special meetings are required other than those of the regular Mutual night troop meeting, they should be held. Latest word of organization comes from Wolverhampton branch in Birmingham district.

BEE-HIVES: The Bee-Hive department adjourns under the direction of the Bee-Keepers, who should be sure to follow the Bee-Hive Guides.

M MEN: The latter half of the M Men 1934 Manual, particularly pages 137 to 149, should receive particular attention before any attempt is made to delve into any other part of the programme. On the first evening of the month, the M Men and Gleaner departments adjourn from opening exercises and join to form a single group for study of appreciation courses. See page 142 of the Manual. The latest embryo M Men group to formulate its club constitution is in Mansfield, in Nottingham district. We should like to hear what the biggest M Men department in the Mission is. We will publish the leader in the next guide if you will send in your replies.

GLEANERS: First evening: Gleaner-M Men joint. The class officers may take turn in calling the group to order after adjournment. Treasures of Truth is the biggest item to receive consideration on the third night of the month, although class and individual projects may be pursued. Gleaners, as any of the other departments, will be well in line with their work if they will adhere to the Calendar in their Manual.

ADULTS: It is important that this be a mature, adult group, and that it does not infringe on the membership of the other departments. However, we are encouraging "adults" to enroll with the younger departments wherever convenient—for a few years, perhaps, depending on how well we do our work. The material on pages 141-143 should be carefully considered before embarking on any phase of the department's programme. Follow the Calendar.

ATTENTION!—SPECIAL EVENTS

Community Activity Committees should be preparing themselves to receive and put into operation, the "YEAR-ROUND PROGRAMME" for recreation.

M. I. A. Building Fund Contest, with additional prizes for "ideas" ends on December 31st at midnight. Already the expanding programme of the M. I. A. is calling for more room. Develop your ideas!—BRITISH MISSION Y. M. and Y. W. M. I. A. BOARDS.—G. HOMER DURHAM.

BEE-HIVE DEPARTMENT

THE following will help fill cell No. 428:

Bertel Thorwaldsen, Danish sculptor, the son of an Icelander who had settled in Denmark and there carried on the trade of a woodcarver, was born in Copenhagen on November 19th, 1770.

He entered the Copenhagen School of Art, and in 1791 won the highest prize, the travelling studentship. In 1794 he went to Rome, where Canova was at the height of his popularity. Thorwaldsen's first success was the model for a statue of Jason highly praised by Canova, and which he was commissioned to execute in marble. From that time Thorwaldsen's success was assured, and he did not leave Italy for twenty-three years.

In 1819 he returned to Denmark where he was commissioned to do the colossal series of statues of Christ and the apostles, which are now in Fruenkirkke in Copenhagen. These were executed after his return to Rome, and were not completed till 1838, when Thorwaldsen again returned to Denmark.

He died suddenly on March 24th, 1844, bequeathing a great part of his fortune for the building and endowment of a museum in Copenhagen. In this two-storey building are exhibited the originals or the replicas of the great artist's long life of productivity. In one room are seen the famed statues representing Christ and His apostles. Many rooms are filled with works that reflect the excellence of his skill.

In the center of the rectangular building is an open area. In it there is but one stone which marks the tomb into which Thorwaldsen himself was lowered in 1848.

What a picture: A man buried in the midst of his life's work—the work bespeaking his excellence of achievement.

PRIMARY ASSOCIATION

Do you, as teachers in the Primary Association, know your children? These children who come to you each week are yours to lead, to develop and to inspire.

Do you observe their eager faces looking to you in confidence? Do you understand their needs, their likes and their problems? Do you know what they like to do, to talk and laugh about? Do you know something of their home influences and wherein you may help? Do you know their attitudes and habits of behaviour? As your understanding of them unfolds, then will come the gloriousness of your opportunity to serve these "Lambs of His Fold."

The children of different ages can best be reached and understood by using the various methods which the programme in the Primary Association offers. For this reason we have the various group activities. Be sure that in your meetings you carry on these activities. If you do not have enough children to divide into all the divisions, hold the classes together, but let each child use his or her own activity book. During the month of October help each and every child to obtain this activity book for their group. The children can save the money for them if they have been given the desire to do so; and they will have a desire for one if you, as the teacher, show and tell them all about it. Encourage them to take an interest in performing the tasks assigned, then give them the award for accomplishing that task.

By being given the gold star each month for one hundred per cent. in punctuality and attendance they will all have a desire to attend their meetings regularly and promptly in order that they might earn this award.

The quarterly lesson bulletin is sent out to help you. Keep your association in line with the Church plan by following what is given here for you to do. Use your own individuality in presenting the lessons, but let the basis be the plan outlined by the General Board and the Mission Board of the Primary Association.—NETTIE L. WOODBURY.

WELSH DISTRICT CONFERENCE

"MORMONISM—GOD'S COMPLETE RELIGION!" This topic formed the theme of discussion at the semi-annual conference of the Welsh district held in Merthyr Tydfil's Miners' Hall on September 9th. President Frank R. Bennett conducted the sessions of the conference.

The opening session, after the district president's oral report on conditions in the district, was devoted to special Priesthood and Relief Society conventions, under the direction of President James H. Douglas and Sister Rintha Pratt Douglas.

After the preliminaries of the af-

ternoon session, Sister Nora Dance of the Pontllanfraith branch rendered a soprano solo. She was accompanied by Sister Elsie Vale of the Pontypool branch. The remainder of the afternoon meeting was devoted to a demonstration of Mutual Improvement association and Primary work. Elder G. Homer Durham and Sister Nettie L. Woodbury were in charge of the session, and they conducted it as an auxiliary convention. Local members assisted in emphasizing the vital importance of the auxiliary organizations in the Church of Christ.

President Bennett opened the evening session by introducing the theme of the conference. Sister Douglas expressed her joy in attending another conference in Wales. She told of her personal acquaintance with the leaders of the Church and testified that she knew they were inspired men of God. President Douglas led his listeners back to the fount from which all we have today first flowed—the divine calling of Joseph Smith. The Prophet was shown to

be the noblest figure in the world's history, next to the Nazarene Himself. Quoting freely from Holy Writ and modern writings on the subject, President Douglas revealed the Prophet's work in the light of maximum human worth, simply because "he was called of God."

The three hundred members and friends in attendance at the night session were thrilled by the music presented by the Dowlais Aolian Glee Men. This splendid Male Voice Choir, under the direction of Mr. Idris Thomas, furnished several special musical numbers between speakers.

In addition to President and Sister Douglas and President Frank R. Bennett, the following missionaries were present at the conference: Elders Henry R. Pearson, Joshua Rallison, Ralph J. Pomeroy and Delbert N. Groom of the Welsh district; Elder G. Homer Durham and Sister Nettie L. Woodbury of the British Mission office; and Elder Herbert T. Edgar of the Sheffield district.

JOSHUA RALLISON

Clerk of Conference.

FROM THE MISSION FIELD

Transfers—Transferred on September 6th were Ray L. Richards, from the Ulster to the Hull district, and John Arval Marcroft, from the Ulster to the Bristol district.

Doings in the Districts: Birmingham—Twenty-four members of the Handsworth branch spent their holidays at Barmouth, Wales, from August 5th to 12th, at what amounted to an extended branch outing. The Bee-Hive girls were under Bee-Keeper Dora W. Green, and the M Men were led by Robert Makin. Occupations of the camp were bathing, games, impromptu concerts and rambles. Two members of the branch presidency, John M. Joseph and Charles Collins, were in charge of the camp.

For many weeks, Sparkbrook branch Primary children looked forward to a promised three-day

camping trip. On August 22nd commenced the realization of their hopes and dreams. Twelve children, all but two of whom are not members of the Church, traveled, tents, baggage, food and all, to Hutton, where they set up camp on Yarningdale common. In charge was Sister Bertha D. Collins, who was assisted by Sisters Patricia Wilkins and Clarice Farmer—all Primary leaders in Sparkbrook. Camp activities were games, rest, and a genuine introduction to frontier life, the amenities of which the children, all city-bred, had never experienced. The three days of sunshine, good food, fresh air and hearty exercise were days of such benefit and delight to all, that the Primary camping holiday promises to become an annual event in the Sparkbrook branch.

Bristol—A sizeable gathering of saints and friends met on the bank

of the Avon river, Sunday, September 9th, to witness the baptism of Sister Iris Hale. She was baptized by President Stephen L. Dunford, and confirmed by Brother Herbert S. Millard.

Liverpool—Thirty Saints of Wigan branch and friends gathered for Sunday evening services in the garden of Brother and Sister James Sharples of Adlington, August 26th. The meeting was conducted as a farewell to three saints who have been visiting from United States. They are Sisters Annie Birchall and Susie Sharp and Brother Robert Lee. Prior to the services tea was served to 50 persons in the Parish hall. The day was climaxed with a gathering in the Wigan branch hall, where songs, recitations and talks were given.

Sister Elizabeth Hollinrake, Burnley branch Relief Society president, was in charge of a ramble under the auspices of the organization at Bankhouse farm, Saturday, August 25th. Refreshments and games flavoured the well-attended gathering.

"One Hundred Years of Truth" was the theme of Accrington branch's most successful conference in years, Sunday, September 2nd. The morning session included an illustrated lecture on the parables, by Sister Elizabeth Pilkington, Sunday School children giving the pantomimes under the direction of Sister Jenny Taylor. District President Joseph Fielding Smith, Jr., Brother James Dawson and Sister Jenny Taylor were the principal speakers at the evening session, conducted by Branch President Herbert Taylor.

Sixty-one Saints and friends attended the Saturday night social prior to conference. The affair featured a programme directed by Sister Jenny Taylor, and a hot potato pie supper.

London: The summer programme of the North London branch M.I.A. was brought to a close on September 15th with a final football match. Once each week during the summer months, in line with the mission-wide M. I. A. summer recreation project, branch members and friends have met for an afternoon

of football or cricket, or an evening of swimming. The programme has proved worth while in many ways, and there is a promised increase in M.I.A. attendance during the coming season, because of the contacts made at the weekly sporting events.

The branch presidency of the Luton branch has recently been reorganized. Set apart as president is Elder Alma M. Porter. Brothers W. H. Gadd and A. Worby are his counsellors. Brother William Smith is branch clerk.

Newcastle—Sunday School children of the Skelton branch went to Hatton's Gate, August 15th, for their annual Sunday School treat. Sister Evelyu N. Rudd and Brother Sidney Featherstone were in charge of the party.

Nottingham—To Skegness in private buses went seventy-five members and friends of the Eastwood branch on August 25th for their annual Sunday School outing. The many pleasures and diversions of the seaside made the day a memorable one, especially to the children, many of whom had never seen the sea before. Directing the affair were Sisters Annie Wild, Ivy Fletcher, Lilian Williams, and Margaret Wild.

Cottage meetings continue to be effective as proselyting agencies in Eastwood. Gatherings held recently in the homes of Sister Margaret Wild, and Mrs. Slater, an investigator, have opened the way for several new friends to hear the message of the Restoration.

The feature of the Eastwood Sunday School conference, held Sunday, August 19th, was a pageant, "Lehi's Journey," presented by the Gospel Doctrine and Church History classes. The Primary class contributed a series of recitations. Musical selections were rendered by the Sunday School choir, directed by Brother Sidney Allen. Sister Annie Wild conducted the services.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Butler, in Loughborough, was the scene of a cottage meeting on August 15th, the first cottage meeting to be held in Loughborough for

several years. The service was under the direction of President Farron E. Cutler.

Twenty-four were present at a cottage meeting held September 5th at the home of Sister Ivy Barns of the Eastwood branch. President Walter K. Barton was in charge.

Scottish—Three open-air meetings held regularly each week in Glasgow have resulted in the attendance of eight new friends at the Sunday evening Sacrament meetings.

Sponsored by the Edinburgh branch Priesthood members, a picnic was held in King's Park on August 4th. The afternoon and evening were spent in games and sport.

In the Firth of Forth at Royston, on August 13th, three children of the Edinburgh branch were baptized. The ordinance was administered to Donald and Annie Neill Calder by William Stout and to Gavin Percy Calder by William Percy. The children were confirmed by Brother Stout and President A. Park Smoot.

Edinburgh branch members spent the evening of Pioneer Day, July 24th, at the seashore near Cramond. Around a bonfire built on the sands, they gathered to roast "weenies," after which they played games until time for their return to Edinburgh.

Ulster—Helen's Bay was the scene

of the Belfast Sunday School outing on September 1st. Beach games, and wading and swimming in the sea occupied the time of the holidayers.

Welsh—Ivy Cecilia Roberts, of Pembroke Dock, was baptized on August 29th by President Frank R. Bennett. The ordinance was administered in Milford Haven Harbour, and Sister Roberts was confirmed at services held later in the Roberts' home.

At a baptismal service held at Goytre, Monmouth, on Sunday, September 2nd, Elizabeth Rogers Palmer and Beryl Mary Howells were baptized by President Frank R. Bennett. The candidates were confirmed by Brother Charles Jones and Elder Joshua Rallison at services held in the home of Brother and Sister Charles Jones.

Personals—Born on August 30th to Brother and Sister Stanley Short of the West Hartlepool branch was a son.

Born to Brother and Sister Harmon of the Sparkbrook branch, on August 14th, was a daughter. She was given the name of Sheila Lillian Harmon.

Mary Elizabeth Parks was the name given to the daughter of Mr. Parks and Sister Annie Parks of the Wolverhampton branch in a blessing pronounced by Elder Gordon Kearn Ashley, Sunday September 2nd.

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